

A resolution (S. Res. 130), providing for notification to the President of the United States of the election of Secretary of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 130) was agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of the Honorable Kelly D. Johnston, of Oklahoma, as Secretary of the Senate.

#### PROVIDING FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk notifying the House of Representatives of the election of Kelly Johnston as Secretary of the Senate and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 131), providing for notification to the House of Representatives of the election of Secretary of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution is considered and agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 131) was agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Kelly D. Johnston, of Oklahoma, as Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. NICKLES. I again thank my colleagues. I thank Senator DOLE for an outstanding selection. I know Senator INHOFE, Senator DOLE, myself, Senator LOTT, and Senator THURMOND are all very proud to have Kelly Johnston be the next Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. THURMOND addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I just want to take this opportunity to commend Sheila Burke for the great job she has done and the service she has rendered to this Senate and to this country. She is a lady of ability, integrity, and dedication. We have been very fortunate to have her to serve as she has done so faithfully.

I also would like to congratulate Kelly Johnston for assuming the secretaryship of this Senate. This is a very important position. It involves many activities that concern all of us, and I am sure, since he is going to run the service, it will be efficient, capable, and helpful to this country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to join the others this morning in congratulating Kelly Johnston upon his selection to be the Secretary of the Senate. I, too, have known Kelly for several years. I have known him to be

always very efficient and very effective in whatever he has done. His work with the Republican Party in the past, but particularly his work at the policy committee, has been exceptional.

The papers, the studies, the analyses, the statistics that we receive from the policy committee—under the chairmanship of DON NICKLES, but under the stewardship, also, of Kelly Johnston as executive director of the policy committee—has been outstanding. I always look forward to receiving those documents. In fact, I have one of their very good pieces right here before me this morning on the telecommunications bill.

He has done outstanding work. I think his ability to get along with people and his knowledge of the Senate will serve us all very well. I congratulate him and his family for the fine work he has done and look forward to working with him in the future.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, let me also join in the welcoming of Kelly Johnston as our new Secretary of the Senate. He has done outstanding work for the Senator from Oklahoma, and we are pleased at his appointment.

I particularly wanted to emphasize the admiration that we have all had for the job done by Sheila Burke. I had the utmost confidence in the former Secretary, Joe Stewart. He had been around this body 40-some years. I will never forget, recently, as we talked, he was commenting on the outstanding job being done by Sheila Burke. He said she was the most efficient Secretary that we had ever had in there. I am sorry to see her not continue, but I understand that Kelly Johnston will be well able, after a short time, to perform equally well.

So I both welcome Mr. Johnston and I lament the loss of Sheila Burke, but she will be continuing to work with us, I am sure.

I yield the floor.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, may I just say a word about Sheila Burke and Kelly Johnston? I would like to join in praise. Sheila Burke has been absolutely amazing. She is somebody we can go to and get something done right away. She will always have the answer. I join in the congratulations to Kelly Johnston and I look forward to working with him.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEN. GORDON R. SULLIVAN, CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize one of our country's finest soldiers, Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, the Chief of Staff of the Army, who is retiring after a distinguished 36-year career.

General Sullivan began his service in 1959 when he was commissioned a second lieutenant of armor upon graduation from Norwich University. He com-

manded troops at every level from platoon to division, including the 1st Infantry Division, and served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He also spent an extensive amount of time overseas, serving four tours in Europe and one in Korea.

General Sullivan held a number of increasingly important duty positions at the corps, NATO, and Department of the Army levels. He influenced a generation of leaders at the Command and General Staff College, where he served as the Deputy Commandant. Throughout his career he exemplified selfless devotion to duty and totally committed leadership.

I believe history will show that General Sullivan led the Army through one of its most challenging periods with exceptional skill, courage, and wisdom. Most importantly, he preserved the Army and its high standards of excellence during the turbulent post-cold-war drawdown, and positioned the Army for the future. He is widely and rightly acknowledged as a visionary thinker, both within military and private industry circles. The Army of the 21st century will regard General Sullivan as the bold, courageous architect of a preeminent military force which is able to apply technology to maximum advantage.

Mr. President, our Nation owes General Sullivan its deepest appreciation for his truly distinguished service. I wish him and his wife, Gay, continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 652, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 652) to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Dole amendment No. 1255, to provide additional deregulation of telecommunications services, including rural and small cable TV systems.

Pressler-Hollings amendment No. 1258, to make certain technical corrections.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks time?

The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. PRESSLER. Mr. President, we are resuming consideration of the telecommunications bill. We had opening